High Court Bench in Sambalpur

1352. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up a separate bench of Orissa High Court at Sambalpur;

(b) whether the proposal is likely to be implemented during 2003-2004;

(c) if not, by when; and

(d) the steps taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI P.C. THOMAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) The setting up of a Bench of a High Court away from its principal seat is considered on the receipt of a complete proposal from the concerned State Government with the consent of the Chief Justice of that High Court.

High Court Benches at Rajkot and Surat

1353. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the progress made in the matter of establishment of High Court benches at Rajkot and Surat in Gujarat;

(b) whether Government are considering to amend section 51(3) and other relevant provisions of the State Reorganisation Act to pave the way for establishment of benches of High Courts;

(c) if so, by when such amendments would be introduced in Parliament; and

(d) the proposals received for establishment of High Court benches in various States; State-wise?